AirOrgy LA - A COVID Safer Outdoor Dance Party

Policies & Procedures

Near Echo Park (LA) - Saturday May 10 - 2PM-8:30PM

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Event Values

- Air Orgy - A COVID Safer Dance Party is an event for folks who take pandemic precautions seriously in their everyday life which includes but is not limited to:
    - Wearing a high filtration mask (KN95, N95 or equivalent) **at all times** in all public places, whether indoors or outdoors.
    - Testing periodically, and isolating when needed, to protect yourself and the community from spreading harmful viruses.
    - Striving towards clean air practices via air purifiers or Corsi Rosenthal Boxes in your home
    - Actively seeking to learn more ways to survive & thrive[1] in community amidst the ongoing pandemic.
- Attendees, and event organizers, of all events must enthusiastically support anti-oppressive, anti-eugenic values. This includes, but is not limited to, agreeing to the following statements:

[1] Keeping up to date about ongoing pandemic mitigations within your capacity and seeking to learn from others.

- We are in an ongoing COVID pandemic, Long COVID is real and can result in long term chronic illness or kill you.
- Fuck racism, colorism, homophobia, transphobia, classism, zionism, ableism, and other oppressive systems[2]
- Disease is a tool of the colonizer & the oppressor.

Event Guidelines

- This is a sober event
- Per venue rules no smoking (of any kind), nor alcohol is allowed
- Anyone seen smoking or drinking will be immediately removed from the event
- If an issue/conflict arises with another attendee or you feel uncomfortable, please flag a volunteer or event organizer for help.
- For safety purposes, event organizers can remove any attendee from the venue at any time at their own discretion.
- Photos of the venue provided upon request after filling out the RSVP form.
- If you have an access need we have not covered, please email airorgyla@gmail.com

COVID Guidelines

- **All attendees and event organizers are asked to not attend "high risk" gatherings beginning Friday 4/26/25 (two weeks prior to the event).**
- We define "High risk" activities to include but is not limited to:
  - Entering any indoor or outdoor **public spaces** without a mask (includes outdoor dining)
  - Attending large (__+ people) indoor or outdoor events[3] that do not require nor enforce high filtration masks as part of their event:
    - Examples of high risk situations include plane flights, dance parties, gyms, sporting events, fairs, and other events/situations that don't require high filtration masks, etc.
    - Doctors appointments (that don't involve you taking off your mask), hangouts that take COVID precautions, or events with high filtration mask & test requirements are not considered "high risk". When grocery shopping we ask you to consider ordering delivery/contactless pick up, or going during non-busy times.

Please do not attend if:

- You or someone in your household has tested positive for COVID as of 4/26/25 through 5/10/25.

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[2] The ongoing covid pandemic won't stop as long as the normalization of these other oppressive systems continues.

[3] According to the PMC model's most recent data, in a group of 40 people, there is a 51.3% chance someone could have COVID. This number is subject to change depending on new data, final number will be confirmed by 9/13/24

- You had contact with someone who recently tested positive for COVID (some exceptions to this rule on a case to case basis, if there is enough time before the event to take a PCR/NAAT test)
- You have COVID symptoms (meaning **new** onset symptoms that are not a part of your familiar chronic illness presentation, please contact airorgyla@gmail.com if you are uncertain).

Event organizers can clarify what constitutes an exposure or a high risk situation. Please email airorgyla@gmail.com if you have questions.

- **Masking Requirements & Mask Breaks:** All attendees and event organizers are required to **wear a high filtration mask (KN95, N95 or equivalent) at all times (and we mean it!!!)**.
    - There will be separate, clearly marked areas to take mask breaks, water breaks, and food breaks.
    - Unless there is an emergency, if someone intentionally removes their mask (and aren't in the mask break area) they will be given one reminder to move to the mask break area. Beyond the 1st reminder, they will be removed and banned from future events.
    - Unless there is an emergency, if someone intentionally doesn't follow the mask break area rules, they will be given one reminder to follow the mask break rules. Beyond the 1st reminder, they will be removed and banned from future events.
    - Attendees are welcome to politely ask an attendee to move to the mask break area, or flag it to an event organizer or volunteer.
- **Testing Requirements**
    - All attendees and event organizers are required to pre test before and trace test after the event.
    - **Please email airorgyla@gmail.com if you need free PPE or free COVID tests at least three weeks prior to the event.**

Testing Schedule

- **Testing:**
    - **It is REQUIRED to have your name and date on all test results** (on the test itself, or on the image, see examples here) if you need help, contact event organizers.
    - **Keep all photos of all your test results just in case!**
    - Email all test results to airorgyla@gmail.com
- **Pre Testing Schedule:**
    - If taking a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) three pre-tests are required. RAT schedule for this event will be:
        i. Tuesday 5/6,
        ii. Thursday 5/8,
        iii. Saturday 5/10.

    - If taking a PCR/NAAT test then only one pre-test is required, which will be on the day of the event Saturday 5/10.
- **Post Testing Schedule:**
    - Two Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) are required: RAT schedule will be Monday 5/12 and Wednesday 5/14.
    - If taking a PCR/NAAT test, please test on Wednesday 5/14.
    - If you have COVID symptoms (meaning **new** onset symptoms that are not a part of your familiar chronic illness presentation) as you begin the pre-tests, before/or shortly after the post-tests, please reach out to event organizers ASAP.
- For transparency and accountability, event organizers will share their own pre & post test results to all attendees.
- Organizers will inform attendees of testing progress, please refer to the **Safety Plan for Positive Case** for our guidelines regarding protocol around positive cases.

Testing Guidelines

- **All attendees and organizers taking Rapid Antigen Tests must swab throat/tonsils, cheeks, and nose.**
- **All attendees and organizers are required to include their name and date on all tests and submit their photos to the Test Upload Form no later than midnight.** (Example, if a test is required on 5/6/25, it **must** be submitted no later than 5/6/25 at 11:59PM)

Safety Plan

- Given the existing and increased hostility from folks who take precautions, LGBTQIA+, and racialized people, we will have the following safety protocols in place:
    - There will be two volunteers (each equipped with pepper spray, to use only for emergencies) at the event entrance to check in all guests and we will have large signs up stating this is a private sold out event to shoo away uninvited guests.
    - There will also be one park monitor staff at the event for organizers to flag in the case of an emergency.
    - If you feel uncomfortable or need help with an access need, please email airorgyla@gmail.com

Safety Plan for Positive Case

- Pre Test Positive / Day of Positive
    - If someone tests positive the day of, or prior to, the event then they will not be allowed to attend the event.
    - Event organizers will send resources on what to do when you have COVID, will be discreet and not disclose the identity of the person who contracted COVID to anyone else besides the event organizers. **We do not seek to further stigmatize anyone for contracting COVID.**

- Post Test Positive
    - If someone tests positive after the event, the organizers will immediately send the person resources on what to do when you have COVID.
    - Depending on capacity, the event organizers may send out a mutual aid request and fundraise on behalf of the COVID positive person(s) to help cover their expenses (ex: groceries, food, lost wages).
    - **Organizers will be discreet and keep private the identity of the person who contracted COVID, while informing attendees that there was a positive case.**
    - Organizers will ask everyone to re-test, the retest dates will depend on when organizers are notified of a positive case. Please email airorgyla@gmail.com for free RAT tests if you need any.

Event Entry Fee

- **This event is free with a suggested donation of $10-15**. **No one will be turned away for lack of funds**
- We will be crowdfunding to be able to ensure the event is accessible for everyone attending, more information coming soon
- Help us continue to provide FREE events to QTBIPOC folks who still take pandemic precautions, consider sending a donation to our Venmo: @AirOrgyLA

Photography/Videos

- We will be taking photos and videos of the event to help promote the next event, and to show others that it's possible to have a COVID safer event.
- If you would not like to be photographed/video recorded, please note it on the RSVP form (coming soon) and we will give you a bracelet to wear at the event.

Volunteers & Donations Needed

We will need a lot of volunteers to help make this event happen, more info coming soon.

Who is organizing this event?

This event is being organized by a group of friends Gata, Nico, Ginger, and Jordan. We are not affiliated with any maskblocs and we are not a non-profit. We are a group of friends volunteering together to organize fun, intentional, COVID safer spaces for our community.

Can I use this COVID safety protocol language for my event?

Two queer Black femmes (Gata @/gata_the_baddie on IG and a friend) created a longer version of these policies, procedures and guidelines and it was later adapted for Air Orgy LA. **Anyone is more than welcome to copy this document, and adapt it (add or delete) for**

their own events. **It is important to have more COVID/pandemic safer events as we continue to try to survive the ongoing pandemics.** Please be sure to credit Gata and her friend somewhere on your document if you choose to do so.

Questions about AirOrgyLA? Email airorgyla@gmail.com